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SUBJECT: ASP GRANT FOR FOOD SPECIALIST

1. POST INTERESTED IN ALLOCATING ONE ASP GRANT FOR SPEAKER WHO CAN DEAL WITH WORLD FOOD ISSUES--WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE SUPPLY, STABILIZE PRICES, AND ENSURE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION. SPEAKER SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO CONVINCINGLY ASSURE OUR AUDIENCES OF THE RELIABILITY OF THE U.S. AS SUPPLIER OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS.

2. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR EXTENSIVE SCHEDULE IN JAPAN WITH PROGRAMS AT ALL SIX AMERICAN CENTERS. PROGRAMS WILL INCLUDE LECTURE/DISCUSSIONS, MEDIA INTERVIEWS, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, WORKING LUNCHEES AND DINNERS (ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FOR FOOD SPECIALIST). ANY THREE WEEK PERIOD IN OCTOBER-DECEMBER (EXCEPT THANKSGIVING WEEKEND) PERIOD ACCEPTABLE.

3. REQUEST YOU CONTACT THE FOLLOWING SPECIALISTS FOR US IN PRIORITY ORDER LISTED BELOW:

D. GALE JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN, DEPT. OF ECONOMICS,
UNIV OF CHICAGO
DALE E. HATHAWAY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL FOOD
POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
MARTIN E. ABEL, PROF. OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
UNIV OF MINNESOTA
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LYLE SCHERTZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, ECONOMIC

RESEARCH SERVICE, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
JAMES P. GRANT, PRESIDENT, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL
FRED SANDERSON, SENIOR FELLOW, BROOKING INSTITUTE
GLEN L. JOHNSON, PROF. OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
MICHIGAN STATE UNIV.

MOST INTERESTED IN JOHNSON BECAUSE OF HIS EXPERIENCE
AS CONSULTANT TO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC POLICY AND NUMEROUS BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON
WORLD AGRICULTURE. HATHAWAY OFFERS SIMILAR MIXED
BACKGROUND OF ACADEMICS AND GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:
HE WORKED WITH FORD FOUNDATION AND SERVED ON PRESIDENT'S
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. ABEL ALSO WORKED WITH
FORD FOUNDATION IN INDIA AND WAS DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
BECAUSE WE NEED ONLY ONE SPECIALIST, SPEAKER SHOULD
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BE COMBINATION OF GOVERNMENT
SPOKESMAN, SCHOLAR, AND BUSINESSMAN.

4. HE SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO HANDLE MEETINGS WITH
HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RESEARCHERS AS
WELL AS DISCUSS FOOD ISSUES WITH NON-SPECIALISTS,
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, BUSINESSMEN, AND STUDENTS.
AS IN THE PAST, CU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO SUGGEST
ADDITIONAL SPECIALISTS AND USE ITS JUDGEMENT RE WHICH
WOULD BEST SUIT POST NEEDS. ABOVE LIST NOT COMPLETE
OR FINAL. REQUEST YOU MAKE NO COMMITMENTS TO SPEAKER
WITHOUT OUR CONCURRENCE.

5. WE WILL PROVIDE DOLS 100 HONORARIUM PER PROGRAM
DAY, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION, AND PER DIEM, AND FULL
RANGE OF AMERICAN CENTER FACILITATION AND CONTACTS.

6. WOULD NEED SPEAKER IN COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST TWO
WEEKS, PREFERABLY THREE.

7. PLEASE BEGIN SEARCH IMMEDIATELY. ADVISE WHO
AVAILABLE BY AUG. 15.

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